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The freedom of the people of Appomattox, along with that of millions of other Americans, is protected by the Bill of Rights, and it should be the duty of every citizen to thoroughly understand the nature of the privileges accorded him under a liberal interpretation of the provisions included under that term.

Just now, the United States is hearing much about subversive, un-American and other peculiar activities. Various efforts are being made to have Congress pass bills which would tend to uproot these forces which most Americans do not like.

As one outstanding editor has said: "Committees that have studied un-American activities will render the greatest service if they tell us what un-American conditions make Americans discontented with America and how these conditions can be corrected. That might be better than invading the Bill of Rights.

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A FARCE

The entire Russian attitude, and to some extent, Allied acceptance of it as a debatable position, in the Berlin crisis is a farce. In the first place, the Russians have created a crisis and now seek to force the Allies to compromise. They offer no concessions of any consequence, as far as the Balkan countries are concerned, as far as freeing East Germany, etc., is concerned.

The Western Powers have missed an opportunity to take the offensive in the Berlin crisis. In the first place, the Western Powers should have insisted from the beginning that the Russians show some evidence of living up to their obligations, such as the United Nation's Charter, which they signed.

This guaranteed people a government of free choice, and the Allies, on the Berlin issue, could have insisted that all Germany be re-unified, and that all Berlin vote on the question of a Berlin government—if necessary.

Certainly the Allies should have called for an election in West Berlin, to show the world how the people of West Berlin feel about the issue. While everyone in Washington and London knows how the West Berliners feel, it would have been a striking political triumph, that we held an election in West Berlin and insisted that the Russians do likewise in East Berlin.

Since we did not do that, we certainly should have pointed up the Russian hypocrisy in refusing to allow the people of East Berlin to vote freely for different candidates and different types of government, and we should have, in other words, developed an offensive rather than dwelling so much on the defensive.

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ADVICE TO GRADUATES

In this season of commencement oratory, when the young people of the nation are about to be given tons of advice, which most of them hear and promptly forget, we would add our few words of wisdom, for what they are worth.

First of all, we would say to the young men and women, about to begin life for themselves, that they should guard against making the mistake that sets the acquisition of money as the first objective of their human endeavor.

We would, next, urge them to seek an understanding of the saying that happiness is to be found within one's self, rather than in other people, or external forces.

In the third place, we would suggest that, in their youthful zeal and enthusiasm, they should remember that the world is an old, old place, populated by ancient races, and that human relationships and customs are not to be lightly challenged or changed overnight, or thrown carelessly into the trashcan.

The fourth and last piece of adivce we would offer, at least for this time, would be to try to induce them to seriously set their own values upon all things, and, once convinced of the real value of anything, that they live their lives on the basis of their own honest appraisal.

This may seem like a small start to the average young person, who seeks to know all the answers, but it is, we think, enough for a start.

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THE COST OF CRISES

The Lebanon crisis last July and the Formosa Strait crisis the following month cost the United States some $192,862,000, the State Department recently informed the Congress.

In addition to this cost, it estimated that many billions were spent to boost Nationalist China, which was apparently threatened by attack, and to supply Lebanon's armed forces.

This information is interesting in view of the possibility that another Berlin airlift might be undertaken. The cost of such an airlift is great, of course, and while an earlier airlift to supply Berlin succeeded, another one, even at great cost, might not succeed.

International crises are costly to the overburdened American taxpayer. There is a great challenge to the present Administration to learn to master the arts of diplomacy and steer our nation to a course of security through negotiation.

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If you lose interest in life, you are dying.

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Washington Notes

Silver Medals Sought

A congressman wants up to 10,000 silver medals minted for the 100th anniversary of the settlement of Colorado.

Representative Johnson (D.,Col.) introduced a bill recently to authorize the striking of medals slightly smaller than 2 inches in diameter for sale to the Colorado "Rush to The Rockies" Commission. The medals would be resold to the public.

English - Foreign Tongue

Representative Green (D., Ore.) reports there is a bill before Congress that would add English to the list of "modern foreign languages" helped by the National Defense Education Act.

"The sponsor may have been reading some recent high level press conferences," Mr. Green comments in a recent letter to constituents.

GOP Parley

The 1960 Republican National Convention in Chicago will have 1,325 delegates with one vote each under a tentative apportionment worked out by the party's national committee.

This is just two more than the 1956 convention roster. It was computed on the basis of rules adopted at the last convention.

State Atom Role

The Atomic Energy Commission has proposed to turn over to the states some of the responsibilities for protecting the public against radiation hazards.

The proposal marks another milestone in the evolution of the atomic energy program away from its original status as a Federal monopoly.

Vote on Wheat Urged

The House Agriculture Committee has challenged the administration to let wheat farmers decide by referendum between its farm theories and a Democratic proposals. It approved a bill to that effect by 20-11.

The choice would be between the Administration's preference for unlimited production with low price supports and higher supports with a 50 per cent reduction in acreage.

Wage Rise Opposed

The Administration has taken its stand firmly against any rise in the statutory minimum wage at this time.

Tax Measure Approved

The Senate has approved a bill to establish a permanent formula for the taxation of life insurance companies' income at a level that averages 75 per cent higher than what they paid last year.

The differences between this bill and a stiffer one passed by the House in February will be worked out by a conference committee of members from each body.

INSECTS BUSY IN VIRGINIA

Insect activity is beginning its build-up to a seasonal high.

Arthur P. Morris, associate entomologist at VPI, reports that armyworms have caused heavy damage to some pastures, and are also present in rye, corn and vegetable crops. Insecticidal barriers to prevent the armyworms from infesting a crop are the best means of control.

Heptachlor has done a good job of controlling the alfalfa weevil this season, but in some untreated fields damage is heavy. Spittlebugs are also causing trouble in some oat, alfalfa, and clover fields. The time to apply chemicals for spittlebug control is early in the season. They are much harder to control this late.

European corn borers are reported in some areas. There are no practical control recommendations in Virginia.

Periodical cicadas, more familiarly known as locust, are appearing in parts of James City and Hanover Counties. Control recommendations are available from county agents.

Twig pruners have damaged several oaks in Roanoke County. About the only practical remedy is to collect and burn the twigs which drop from the oak trees .Chemicals are not recommended to control twig pruners on large oaks.

New York Yankees start rebound from bottom rank in the American League.

School finals held this week.

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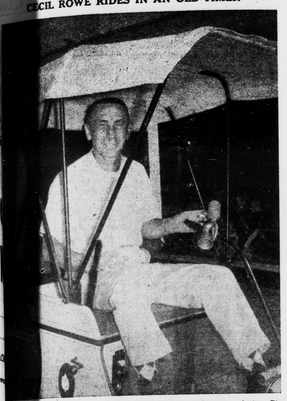
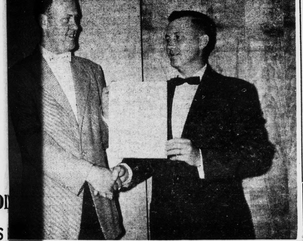


ABOVE: Cecil J .Rowe, of the Appomattox Western Auto Store, ... attention here Saturday when he rode a model of a 1903 ... in the Horse Show parade. The car has been on display here this ... and was made available for Appomattox by the Western Auto ... (Photo: Mrs. Calvin Robinson.).

LLOYD BRYANT WINS AWARD



Each year the Appomattox Counsider Chamber of Commerce ... a Life Membership in the Vir... Jaycees to the member who ... outstanding service dur... the year.

This year the award was presented to Lloyd M. Bryant, an employee of Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Co., at the annual installation supper, in the cafeteria of the Appomattox Elementary School.

Lloyd joined the Appomattox Jaycees in 1955. He was elected to ... office of Vice-president for the ... following. He was instrumental in the success of the membership drive in February 1957, and won a ... for bringing eight new members into the Jaycees.

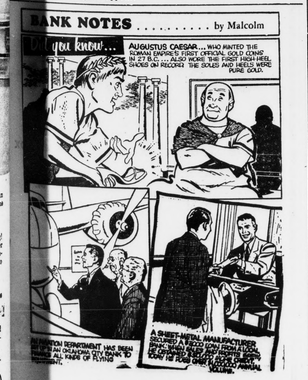
He was appointed chairman of the Safety Committee for the year 1958. This year he worked with the Safety Patrol at the Appomattox Elementary School, conducted a Safety Project, and organized a Safety Patrol at the Vera Elementary School. He was again appointed Safety Chairman for the year 1958-59. He continued to work with the Safety Patrol, conducted the safety project in all elementary schools in the county, and organized a Safety Patrol at the Carver-Price High and Elementary School. He also secured the safety film, 'One Little Indian,' for showing at the Appomattox Elementary School.

As chairman of the Country Music Contest in November, 1958, which is the money-making project for the Christmas Shopping Tour, he put together such a good show that the Jaycees had its most successful shopping tour and had money left over to start a Christmas Shopping Tour Fund.

His shift work at Transco keeps him from attending many regular meetings, but he is always willing to do any job that is asked of him.

He is married to the former Becky Tinnell, has three children, and has been employed with Transco for nine years.

BANK NOTES ..... by Malcolm



THE BIBLE SPEAKS
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Bible Material: I Kings 21:1—22:40.
Devotional Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6, 13-16.

Lust For Power
Lesson for June 7, 1959

IS THERE one sin from which all other sins come? Many theologians think there must be; but they do not all agree on what sin is the root-sin of all the rest. One sin which has been singled out for this doubtful honor has been called "the lust for power." It is not wrong to desire power; otherwise Jesus would have severely condemned the two disciples who wanted to sit on thrones at his right and left. It is not wrong to wish to influence other persons; otherwise it would be a sin to run for president of anything. Nevertheless, desire for power can be so exaggerated that it becomes a passion, a soul-destroying passion.

Dr. Foreman

Law and the Lust for Power

There is a first-class example of how the lust for power can run away with a man, an example of how other sins are spawned by this one, in the Bible story of King Ahab and the private citizen named Naboth. Nearly all readers of the Bible know this story, and those who do not know it should look it up (see the references given here), for it is a dramatic story. King Ahab was of course one of the wealthiest men in the kingdom. He had all he needed and more besides. But he wanted the vineyard of the small farmer Naboth. He wanted it so much that he was willing to break the law of the land, he was willing to go even as far as murder, to get what he wanted.

Ahab could never have got that vineyard by legal means. If Naboth did not want to sell, there was no law to make him. More than that, according to the law of those times, Naboth was required to hold on to his property, Ancient Hebrew law saw to it that every family was provided with land, and must not get rid of their landed property, large or small. Ahab was at first "stumped" by this fact. But spurred by his wife Jezebel, a sort of Lady Macbeth, Ahab rode right through the law, using perjury and murder before he was through, all to get that one vineyard.

Property for use or for Power?

History is filled with examples of men who have been so mad for power that like Ahab they paid no attention to laws that would have held them back from what they wanted. We have seen this in our time in Hitler abroad, and in some men in high places in our own country.

But there is another thing about the lust for power. Why is it that many persons seem unable to stop acquiring property? Long after they can no longer use it, long after they have enough, they keep on going, they never feel up to the game, they want more and more. The thing becomes almost a disease.

One wise thinker of our times believes that this sort of thing, the sort of thing Ahab did, is a case of wanting security overmuch. A man wants to feel safe, so he piles up wealth and property around him like walls to shut out misfortune. He does not care whom he hurts, just so he himself is safe. Another thinker sees in all this, evidence to support the proposition that while property for use is a good thing, property for power alone is dangerous to society and that wanting to have what you cannot use is a sin.

My Rights and my Reach

One thing is certain: the prophet Elijah, being God's man and not the king's, saw no good in what Ahab had done. There was nothing in being a king which gave a man the right to disregard other people, nothing in being a king that gave a man the right to smash the laws of God. Ahab must have thought, "My rights go as far as I can reach." But the fact is, the true rights of a man, especially a strong man, are very seldom as big as his reach. To put that into other words: Don't think that because you can get by with it you have a right to do anything you please. When you, whoever you are, begin to think your rights outrank all others' rights, take care The sin has already begun to work in you too.

Outcry over Tibet subsides in India.

Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, June 2.- Mr. and Mrs. Garland Reynolds and children, of California, spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reynolds.

Mrs. Harry V .White returned to her home Friday, after a visit with Mrs. Mildred Mann.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill and Faye visited relatives near Wylleburg Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Spencer and Faye, of Arrington, and Fred Lawhorn, of Washington visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thornhill Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Megginson, J. R. and Josha, and Mrs. Elsie Megginson spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Mustain, of Richmond.

Mrs. Kate Gunter and daughter, Josephine, and Mrs. Martha Coleman were dinner guests last Sun-

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Cramped Quarters

Bethpage, N. Y.- Douglas Kitchen, 8, thought an empty oil drum near his home would make a good hiding place. Then he found out how wrong he was.

During the game he popped in and squeezed himself down to the bottom. When he tried to get out, he couldn't move. He howled.

He kept on howling while grown-ups tried to get him out. Finally police used an electric saw to cut the drum apart.

After an hour in a cramped position, Douglas couldn't straighten up. He was carried to a hospital in a sitting position. There his legs were massaged until he could walk again.

Car Works Stolen

Louisville.- Bank porter Nathanial Downey, who owns a $6,800 Cadillac, tried to start it recently to get to work.

Nothing happened . Downey raised the hood.

The motor had been stolen. So had the battery, radiator, and the transmission.

PAMPLIN, ROUTE ONE

Mrs. Edgar A. Baldwin Sr. spent several days last week in Norfolk, visiting her daughter, Mrs. Albert L. DeHart.

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